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FM AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

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AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

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SUBJECT: SINO-SOVIET DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE

1. THE VISIT TO BUCHAREST OF CHINESE PREMIER HUA KUO-FENG AND THE PURSUIT BY THE PRC OF ITS ANTI-SOVIET POLICY WAS REFLECTED IN TWO SMALL AND PERHAPS NOT UNIQUE INCIDENTS ON AUGUST 17 ON STOCKHOLM'S COCKTAIL CIRCUIT. NOT AT ALL SURPRISINGLY, SOVIET AMBASSADOR YAKOVLEV HARANGUED INDONESIAN DIPLOMATS AT GREAT LENGTH DURING THE LATTER'S NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION ON THE SUBJECT OF HUA KUO-FENG'S VISIT TO EUROPE. AN INDONESIAN SOURCE WAS STRUCK BY THE STRENGTH AND EMOTIONALISM OF THE AMBASSADOR'S OUTBURST AS A REFLECTION OF UNUSUAL SOVIET WORRY AND SENSITIVITY OVER THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE VISIT.

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2. AT A RECEPTION FOR THE NEW SWISS DEFENSE ATTACHE THE SAME EVENING, PRC EMBASSY DEFENSE ATTACHE WENG-CHUNG SUNG QUITE OPENLY, AND IN FRONT OF THE WATCHFUL SOVIET AIR ATTACHE AND ASSISTANT NAVAL ATTACHE PUT HIS HAND ON THE EMBASSY'S NAVAL ATTACHE'S SHOULDER IN A GESTURE THAT WAS UNEXPECTED. THIS OCCURRED DURING A LENGTHY CONVERSATION

IN WHICH THE CHINESE ATTACHE WAS DISCUSSING THE NEED FOR GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN US AND PRC.

3. EMBASSY IS REPORTING THESE POINTS BECAUSE OF POSSIBILITY THAT THEY FIT INTO A WORLD-WIDE PATTERN. KENNEDY-MINOTT

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